

DocSII Opening Address by Host
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Participants and Chairman of DocSII, Mr. Yushi Komachi, Good Morning. I am Mr. Akio Kanaya, Executive Director of CICC. It is a great honor to be here, and it is my pleasure to share this occasion with all of you today. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to TCL and NECTEC for hosting this symposium.

The theme of this symposium is “Document Style and Layout.” This symposium focuses on Document Style unique to Asian Regions. As you know, it is necessary to add Asian Document Style and Layout on ISO/IEC TR 19758, so we will propose the results acquired through this symposium to ISO/IEC TR 19758 as an Amendment.

Today, “e-Government” is a hot topic in every country. In order to put an e-Government plan into practice, the interoperability of structural documents, which is not obtained by Word or PDF, is the most important issue. Among the current technologies, “XML/XSL” seems to be the best.

In Japan, e-Government implementation tests using XML/XSL have already started. In these tests, it is recognized that the number of documents needed to support one e-Government system is more than 3,000.

On the other hand, if we make up the document using XML and profile the common constituents, then this number of documents can be reduced. In order to make these XML documents visible, it is necessary to specify the style using XSL. Introducing XML/XSL might be the best solution for Document Interchange in e-Government systems.

In the near future, in introducing e-Government, some countries will probably face the same technical problems as Japan. To prevent this, exchanging ideas in this symposium should benefit countries in their future e-Government plans.

Today, Mr. Keiichiro Ishino will make a presentation on “A Sample of XSL application.” This sample is the first and the fruitful results of DocSII. Your frank opinions will help to enrich this sample, and improve your planning of e-Government systems.

As the result of this project, we hope to draw up a library of elements of style and layout of Asian countries, so that people who don't know this style and layout can make documents using this library.

Lastly, to correct the digital divide in the Asian region, the realization of a multi-lingual system would be of great help. It is a safety-net for people of different languages and cultures. Harmonizing technology and original culture is a big challenge. To correct the digital divide in Asia, it is important to reflect Asian uniqueness in the International Standard and make it

understandable to application developers all over the world.

I hope this symposium contributes to the issue of correcting the digital divide and will be informative for all of you.

Thank you, and I hope you have an enjoyable stay in this beautiful city.

